s. No.	Name	Screened	Positive	Sero Positivity Rate per 1,000
30.	Tripura Uttar	5613	4	0.71
31.	Pradesh West	118963	1513	12.72
32.	Bengal	163991	649	3.96
	TOTAL:	3572144	92312	25.84

Iron deficiency diseases among Women and Children

973. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 85 per cent of Indian women are anaemic on account of iron deficiency and 2.2 million Indian children are afflicted with Cretinism, while another 6.5 million are mildly retarded; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Preliminary analysis of data collected by the National Family Health Survey-II, in eleven states, during 1998-99 revealed that about 41.5-63.6% of the women in the age group of 15 to 49 years are anaemic. However, survey conducted by ICMR during 1984-86 showed that around 87.6% of pregnant women had anaemic. Based on surveys it is estimated that 2.2 million children affected by cretinism and another 6.6. million children have mild neurological disorders.

(b) The Government of India has recognized that anaemia and iodine deficiency diseases are major public health problems. Therefore, specific interventions such as Prophylaxis programmes against Nutritional Anaemia due to Iron Deficiency under Reproductive and Child Health Programme and National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme are under implementation to prevent and control these micro-nutrient deficiency disorders.